IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First named Applicant: Venkata R. Jagana

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Examiner:

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 18, 2006, please consider the following remarks.